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SA - L - Mr. Klaus:

CON - Mr. Flinn:

RE: Visa Requirements for German Scientists.

I am returning to you herewith a memorandum of July 8, 1946 regarding "Visa Requirements for German Scientists".

I have discussed it with Mr. Lyon and in view of the nebulous status of policy with reference to the admittance of German scientists to this country, it was decided that no further action would be taken until something definite was decided concerning this matter.

As the situation now stands, the Visa Division will handle each case of a visa applicant on its merits, and I have noted that in each instance where a German scientist has applied for admittance, or a company in the United States has sponsored his admittance, they have pointed out that no action could be taken at this time pending final determination of policy by this Government.

It is my understanding, although I am not finally informed in this matter, that CIC is curtailing some of its activities in Germany and might not be able to make thorough and comprehensive their investigations of individuals such as suggested in the future.

I would also like to make reference to your dictum that Mr. Braden should have an opportunity to learn in due time all aspects about German immigration to this hemisphere, both with respect to policies, standards and actual significant cases. As you are probably aware, the British Passenger Navicert Controls system ceases to operate on or about September 30, 1946. After that date we will no longer be able to depend upon the British to prevent travel of Axis nationals to Central and South American countries. The only way this could be accomplished is by agreement with the individual countries that they would issue instructions to their respective consulates not to consider the issuance of visas to any Axis nationals. In my opinion, this channel of action has been postponed too long and cannot be accomplished in sufficient time to coincide with the cessation of the British Passenger Navicert Controls. Central and South American consulates abroad are extremely hard to control since they operate primarily on a fee basis and engage in all sorts of business, both legitimate and illegitimate, including the sale of false visas and passports. There will undoubtedly be many instances when these Latin consulates will issue visas to former Axis nationals, and since travel facilities are opening up rapidly, this country is going to be stopped from preventing their travel to the Western Hemisphere. This may be unfortunate, but I am afraid that we cannot expect the Consulates of Latin American countries to carry forth our strict policy with reference to former Axis nationals.

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With reference to your last paragraph concerning the prospective Declaration of Peace, I have heard no further details concerning this matter and presume that your sources in this regard are as good, if not better, than mine.

I have heard nothing further from Captain Webb or anyone else with reference to the German Solventite Program and consequently will remain dormant until such a time as I see in writing some statement of policy on this subject.

Accompaniment:

As stated.

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